guggal (Boswellia serrata) and pipil (pipel longum) and Adusa (adhatoda vasaka) have also been completed. Data has also been generated and botanical standarisation done for 92 single drugs. Notable ones are Jivanti, Nagkesera, Plaksha, CSIR has also developed and standardised successfully a cervical dilator (isaptent from isangel seed husk for dilation of cervix prior to medical termination of pregnancy and a lipid lowering agent from guggul resin).

Recommendations of the Conference of Chief Election Officers

415. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendation of the conference of Chief Election Officers held recently at Ooty regarding electoral reforms;

(b) whether the Election Commission had previously forwarded to Government about 90-odd proposals for electoral reforms; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what action has been taken on the rest of the proposals of the Ooty conference; and

(d) what is Government's decision on each of the 90 odd proposals that it had from the Election Commission in 1982?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) The required information is given in the Statement attached (*See* below).

(b) and (d) The proposal received from Election Commission earlier has been laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha in reply to Unstarred Question No. 104 on 4-10-82. Before the proposals could be considered and decided upon the General Elections of 1984 intervened. However one of the major proposals was to ban defections of legislatures from one Political party to another which was implemented by 52nd Constitutional Amendment. The Election Commission reviewed other proposals in the light of the further experience gained in the said election and re-formulated the proposals according to priority. These proposals are under active consideration. No final decision has been taken on them so far.

(c) The Conference of Chief Electoral Officers has made several other recommendations having a bearing on one aspect or another of the conduct of elections like preparation and perservation of electoral rolls programme for intensive/summary revision procedure for appointment of counting agents, setting up of candidates camps near the polling stations, inspection of offices of District Election Officers etc., As per the usual procedure the Election Commission will initiate necessary steps for processing the recommendations further.

Statement

Recommendations of the Conference of Chief Electoral Officers held in Ooty in August, 1986 regarding Electoral performs

In reply to part (a) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 415 for answer on 15-11-1988.

1. *Multipurpose Identity cards*:

A scheme of multipurpose identify cards on the pattern of a passport with each page being used for a particular purpose may be introduced in one or more States on an experimental basis.

2. *Date of Elections*:

As far as possible, general elections to the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies whose terms are expiring within a span of six months, may be held together without any necessity for a State Government to dissolve the Assembly to bring it in line for a simultaneous election.

In order to achieve the Constitutional mandate of biennial retirements in Upper Houses a specific scheme for dividing the seats in the Upper Houses in certain categories and for providing that members

elected or, as the case may be, nominated to those seats should held office upto specified dates, should be evolved.

3. *Polling boothwise counting*:

The present systems of counting of votes booth-wise need not be changed.

4. *Election Expenses*:

There should be a statutory restriction on the election expenses of a candidate; the present ceiling is unrealistic. The Representation of the People Act, 1951, should be amended suitably.

5. *Model code of conduct*:

(a) Ambit of model code of conduct should be amplified to bring within its limit, even the use of personnel, vehicles, (including aircrafts) rest houses etc. of the public undertaking so as to prohibit their misuse at the time of election.

(b) All the transfers made six months before the date of normal expiry of the term of the Lok Sabha/State Legislative Assembly should be subject to the scrutiny of Election Commission.

6. *Election Commission*:

The existing system of single member Commission should be continued for smooth functioning and quick decisions.

7. *Observers*:

Continuance of the present system of appointing observers without any necessity for clothing them with statutory powers was favoured.

8. *Delimitation of constituencies*:

Article 82 and 170(3) of the Constitution may be so amended that while the total number of seats allotted to various States in the House of the People and in the Legislative Assemblies may remain unaltered, delimitation of constituencies after every decennial census should be undertaken. Rotation of seats reserved for Scheduled Castes so that no constituency remained reserved for long was also favoured.

9. *Application of indelible ink at Council election*:

The election law should be suitably amended for introducing the procedure of applying indelible ink to elections for Council Constituencies.

10. *Countermanding of elections on account of death of any Independent candidate.*

It was decided that law be got amended so that the election may not be countermanded on the death of an independent candidate.

11. *Electronic Voting Machines*:

Electronic voting machines should be introduced all over the country as early as possible.

12. *Problem of non-serious candidates.*

Stringent action should be taken for discouraging such persons from entering the election fray.

Leakage of heavy water in MAPP at Kalpakkam

416. SHRI M VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the heavy water leak in MAPP at Kalpakkam had any radiation effects during the month of September, 1988;

(b) if so, what was the extent of area affected and the strength of radiation that was noticed; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in negative, what happened to the heavy water which leaked from its home, the insulating cell?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.